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DECEMBER 21, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: THE SITUATION ROOM

SUBJECT: INFORMATION ITEMS

CUBAN PARTICIPATION IN UN LATIN GROUP: ACCORDING TO A REPORT FROM THE CHILEAN REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UN, AT THE MOST RECENT MEETING OF THE LATIN AMERICAN UN GROUP SEVERAL COUNTRIES RAISED THE SUBJECT OF CUBA'S RENEWED PARTICIPATION. SINCE 1964 THE GROUP HAS MET "INFORMALLY" WITHOUT CUBA'S INCLUSION. THE ARGENTINE REPRESENTATIVE TOLD THE OTHERS IT IS HIS UNDERSTANDING CUBA WISHES TO REJOIN THE GROUP AND THAT THE PROBLEM SHOULD BE EXAMINED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. GUYANA AND ARGENTINA ARE LEADING THE MOVEMENT FOR CUBA'S REINCORPORATION, WITH SUPPORT FROM MEXICO, JAMAICA, TRINIDAD, EL SALVADOR, AND VENEZUELA.

DESPITE GUATEMALA'S ANNOUNCED CANDIDACY, UNGA PRESIDENT BOUTEFILKA HAS NOW APPOINTED CUBA TO THE OPENING ON THE COMITE OF 24 ON DECOLONIZATION. GUATEMALAN EFFORTS TO DISSUADE BOUTEFILKA FROM THE CUBAN APPOINTMENT WERE TO NO AVAIL. GUATEMALA HAD THE ENDORSEMENT OF THE LATIN GROUP, ALTHOUGH SEVERAL COUNTRIES BELIEVE CUBA'S CANDIDACY SHOULD NOT BE OPPOSED.

VENEZUELA BEGINS NEGOTIATION FOR RESUMPTION OF RELATIONS WITH CUBA: ACCORDING TO A PRESS REPORT, VENEZUELAN FOREIGN MINISTER THE VENEZUELAN AMBASSADOR TO THE UN TO COMMENCE NEGOTIATIONS WITH CUBA FOR RESUMPTION OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. NO DATE WAS GIVEN FOR REESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS, BUT THE UN AMBASSADOR WAS INSTRUCTED TO SPEED THE NEGOTIATIONS IN ORDER TO PERMIT RENEWAL WITHIN A "PRUDENTIAL PERIOD OF TIME."

POLITICAL EVOLUTION IN ETHIOPIA: ON DECEMBER 20, RADIO ETHIOPIA BROADCAST A LENGTHY STATEMENT ON THE "SOCIALIST" PHILOSOPHY OF THE ETHIOPIAN REVOLUTION. EMBASSY ADDIS ABABA'S PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS FOLLOWS:

--"ETHIOPIA FIRST" EQUATES TO ETHIOPIAN SOCIALISM;

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-- VILLAGES WILL BE ORGANIZED FOR SELF ADMINISTRATION BUT THE GOVERNMENT WILL TAKE ON RESPONSIBILITY FOR NATIONAL TASKS;

-- PRIORITY IS TO BE GIVEN TO THE WORKING CLASS;

-- ABSOLUTE NATIONAL UNITY IS TO BE PRESERVED;

-- A SINGLE PROGRESSIVE NATIONAL POLITICAL PARTY IS TO BE ORGANIZED FORTHWITH;

-- ALL PROPERTY BASIC TO THE ECONOMIC GROWTH OF SOCIETY IS TO BE BROUGHT UNDER GOVERNMENT CONTROL;

-- LAND REFORM IS TO BE IMPLEMENTED TO THE BENEFIT OF ALL;

-- NATIONAL RESOURCES, INDUSTRIES AND HANDICRAFTS ARE TO COME UNDER SOCIALISM;

-- FOREIGN CAPITAL, TECHNOLOGY, AND ASSISTANCE ARE TO BE ENTITLED TO PARTICIPATE IN ETHIOPIA'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT;

-- LABOR IS TO BE SUBJECT TO GOVERNMENT DIRECTION TO ENHANCE ITS PRODUCTIVITY;

-- THERE WILL BE ACCENT ON INDIGENOUS CULTURE AND FOREIGN CUSTOMS INJURIOUS TO ETHIOPIAN SOCIETY WILL BE EXCLUDED;

-- BASIC EDUCATION FOR ALL.

FOREIGN POLICY UNDER "SOCIALISM" WILL INCLUDE:

-- TOP PRIORITY TO FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH ETHIOPIA'S NEIGHBORS, BUT FRIENDSHIP WITH ALL OTHER STATES AS WELL;

-- COOPERATION TO INTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF STATES AND TO IMPERIALISM AND COLONIALISM.

ON THE FACE OF IT THIS WOULD APPEAR CLOSE TO OTHER BRANDS OF AFRICAN SOCIALISM WE HAVE SEEN HELPFUL TO THE REGIME IN ESTABLISHING A POLITICAL FOUNDATION FOR CONTINUED DOMINANCE. IT MAY NOT HAVE BEEN WELL THOUGHT OUT. THERE WILL BE PROBLEMS IN IMPLEMENTING IT AND POSSIBLE SOURCES OF DAMAGE TO OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS.

IN CONNECTION WITH THIS ANNOUNCEMENT, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THE PROVISIONAL MILITARY ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL (PMAC) IS NOT CERTAIN AS TO THE SPECIFIC DEFINITION OF ETHIOPIAN SOCIALISM. [REDACTED] THE PMAC IS APPREHENSIVE ABOUT THE REACTION OF THE U. S. GOVERNMENT AS IT DOES NOT WANT TO LOSE THE SUPPORT OF THE UNITED STATES AT THIS CRITICAL TIME.

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